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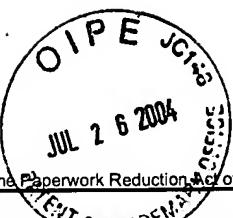
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(37 CFR 1.63)**
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Attorney Docket Number	HES 2003-IP-012871U1
First Named Inventor	Richard F. Vargo, Jr.
<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
Application Number	10/791,151
Filing Date	March 2, 2004
Art Unit	2882
Examiner Name	unknown

**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Improved Well Fluid And Method Of Use In Subterranean Formations***(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

 is attached hereto
**OR**
 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 03/02/2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International
Application Number 10/791,151 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)   (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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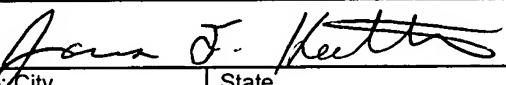
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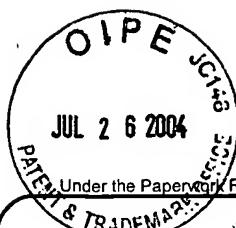
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Filing Date	03/02/2004
First Named Inventor	Richard F. Vargo, Jr.
Title	Improved Well Fluids and ...
Art Unit	2882
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*Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)*

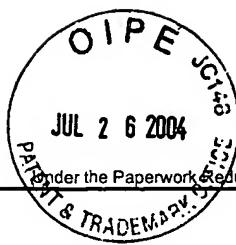
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Name	Craig W. Roddy		
Signature	<i>Craig W. Roddy</i>		
Date	<i>7-20-04</i>	Telephone	580.251.3012

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Richard. F. Vargo, Jr.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/791,151 Filed/Issue Date: March 2, 2004

Entitled: Improved Well Fluids and Method of Use In Subterranean Formations

Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1.  the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

7-20-2004

Date

580.251.3012

Telephone number

Craig W. Roddy

Typed or printed name

Signature

Senior Counsel

Title

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**ASSIGNMENT**

Whereas, We, Richard F. Vargo, Jr., of Harris County, Katy, Texas and James F. Heathman, of Harris County, Katy, Texas, have invented IMPROVED WELL FLUIDS AND METHODS OF USE IN SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

Whereas, HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC., a Delaware Corporation, having a place of business at 10200 Bellaire Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77072 is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I/We, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer and convey unto HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC., its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, for the United States of America and its territorial possessions and for any and all foreign countries, in and to the said invention, described in the Patent Application serial number 10/791,151 filed on March 2, 2004, and any divisional, continuing or reissue application based on the present application preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; said invention, application and any and all Letters Patent issuing therefor to be held and enjoyed by HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC., for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me and had this assignment and sale not been made.

And I do further agree to sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all requisite acts for the filing of any disclaimer or for the filing and assignment of any divisional, continuing or reissue application or applications for patent based on the present application, as well as for any other U.S. or foreign application for patent which relates to the said invention.

And I do further agree to communicate to HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC., its successors, assign or other legal representatives, such facts relating to the invention disclosed in the present application or Letters Patent issuing thereon as may be known to me, and to testify as to such facts in any interference or other litigation.

Executed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004, at Houston, Harris County, Texas, U.S.A.

Richard F. Vargo, Jr.

STATE OF TEXAS )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF HARRIS )

Before me personally appeared said Richard F. Vargo, Jr. and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.



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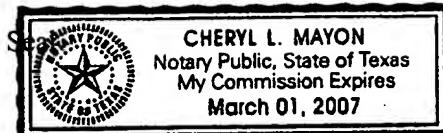
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James F. Heathman

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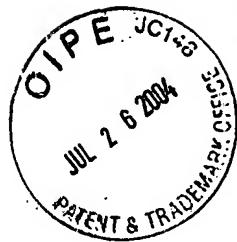
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